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: VECTORS FOR IMPLEMENTING
: SAME AND APPLICATIONS

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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

We note with appreciation the Examiner's telephone communication of January 3, 2002. In furtherance of that conversation we respectfully point the Examiner's attention to Paragraph 3 of the Official Action dated April 23, 2001 (Paper No. 8), in which the restriction requirement between Groups I, II and III was withdrawn in response to Applicant's arguments. As such, we respectfully submit that the reply dated September 21, 2001 is fully responsive to the prior Official Action. We accordingly respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection for nonresponsiveness under 37 CFR 1.111, entry of the Amendment dated September 21, 2001, and early consideration of the amended claims on their merits.

Respectfully submitted,


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